# WALLACE STATE

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

#### **General Information**

Wallace State Community College is dedicated to the total development of students. Therefore, the College has the responsibility for protecting individual rights, both academic and personal, including the rights of students and employees.

The College assumes that its students are mature adults who have developed mature behavior patterns, positive attitudes, and conduct above reproach; the College believes in treating students as adults. Therefore, the College reserves the right to discipline any student whose conduct and behavior is undesirable or harmful to the College. In addition to the WSCC Code of Conduct and procedures, criminal behavior is subject to criminal charges.

Generally, College disciplinary action will be limited to conduct which adversely affects educational pursuits. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the rules and regulations of both the College and the department in which the student chooses to enroll. Failure to do so does not excuse the student from any policy as set forth by the College or the department in which the student is enrolled. The following misconduct subjects students to disciplinary review:

#### **Disciplinary Action Items**

A student is subject to disciplinary action by the College, up to and including permanent expulsion, for misconduct on any property owned or controlled by the College, or off campus at any function which is authorized, sponsored, or conducted by the College or in parking lots adjacent to areas or buildings where College functions are being conducted. Such misconduct shall include the commission of, or the attempt to commit, any of the following offenses:

- 1. Any form of dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or furnishing incomplete or false information to the College.
- 2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, exams, records, vehicle registration, verification, or identification.
- Disorderly or disruptive conduct, including rioting, inciting to riot, assembling to riot, reckless endangerment, raiding, inciting to raid, harassment, bullying, cyberbullying and assembling to raid College properties. This offense also includes inclass behavior that unduly disrupts the order of a class and discrimination based on gender stereotypes or any other form.
- Lewd, indecent, obscene, or unduly offensive behavior or expression. This offense includes but is not limited to stalking and the usage of verbal or symbolic expressions that would tend to be reasonably interpreted as insulting to one's race, gender, religion, age, national origin, or disability.
- 5. Improper use of products for purposes of altering mood or state of being. This includes the misuse of legal products such as inhalants.
- 6. Participation in any form of gambling.
- 7. Unauthorized entry to College facilities, including dorms.
- 8. Unauthorized possession of a key to College

facilities.

- 9. Unauthorized interference with the use of or access to a College facility.
- 10. Any form of littering, including, but not limited to, tobacco products such as cigarette butts.
- 11. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on College premises or College sponsored functions.
- 12. Being present during any violation of College policy or the Student Code of Conduct in such a way as to condone or encourage that violation. Students who anticipate or observe a violation are expected, if possible, to report any potential violation before it occurs or to report details of the violation after it occurs.
- Violation of any College policy or regulation as published or referred to in the College Catalog/ Student Handbook or by campus signage, including, but not limited to, those governing the time, place, and manner of public expression; the registration of student organizations; the use of computers; copyright laws; and use or parking of motor vehicles on the campus.
- 14. Acts of animal cruelty or abuse, as well as failure to report such acts that occur on the College Campus.
- 15. Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance.

### Possible Automatic Suspension or Expulsion Action Items

The following offenses will merit automatic disciplinary suspension or expulsion from the College:

- Intoxication from, or the use, display or possession of alcoholic beverages on any area of the WSCC campus or school activity. (This includes the presence of empty or full alcoholic beverage containers.)
- 2. Failure to promptly comply with directions of College officials or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties as such officials and officers while on the WSCC campus.
- Theft of, receiving stolen property of, or intentional damage to property of the College or to the property of any member of the College community or visitor to the College campus.
- 4. Intentional misuse of any College fire alarm, or

emergency fire-fighting equipment.

- 5. Actual or threatened physical abuse of any person, including hazing, or any other act which endangers the health or safety of any such person.
- Use, possession, influence, sale, or distribution of any controlled substance (drug), or drug paraphernalia, as outlined by the statutes of the State of Alabama, except as expressly prescribed by a physician.
- Use, possession, or distribution of firearms, knives, weapons, ammunition, fireworks, or any type of explosive or incendiary device or material. Items perceived as weapons are also prohibited. Only duly constituted law enforcement officers on duty may possess firearms on campus.

Please see the Wallace State Catalog online at <u>www.wallacestate.edu/catalog</u> for the full version of the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, Student Regulations, and other College Policies.

I have read the above, and I understand that it is my responsibility to abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of the College as outlined in the Student Handbook, College Catalog, College Website, and the program, department and/or division in which I am enrolled.

Printed Name

**Program Enrolled** 

Signature

Date